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## **Abandoned Vehicles, Parking and Towing**

**SB 1225**                      **Chesbro**                      **Abandoned vehicles: registration and service fees.**

This bill authorizes a county with an abandoned vehicle abatement service authority to impose a \$1 or \$2 surcharge on vehicle registration fees within that county to fund the abatement of abandon vehicles. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1404**                      **Machado**                      **Street cleaning parking violations.**

This bill specifies that after January 1, 2008 there is no parking violation for a person who is parked on a street during the designated street sweeping times if that sweeping did not occur. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1593**                      **Runner**                      **Vehicle towing from private property.**

This bill establishes standards for towing companies and storage facilities, establishes specific requirements for a written authorization to tow, and increases but caps penalties. See also AB 2210 (Goldberg). *Held in the Assembly Transportation Committee.*

**AB 1112**                      **Cohn**                      **Disabled parking.**

This bill allows persons with disabled parking placards to park in state or local parking facilities not otherwise open to the general public under certain conditions. *This bill was amended in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee to relate to a different subject matter.*

**AB 2154**                      **Goldberg**                      **Parking: car share vehicle.**

This bill allows a city or county to designate a specific area for the exclusive parking of vehicles participating in a vehicle car share program or ridesharing program. *Signed into law. Chapter 189, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2210**                      **Goldberg**                      **Towing from private property.**

This bill enhances protections provided to motorists from unfair vehicle towing practices and unauthorized vehicle towing from private property, including establishing standards for storage facilities, establishing requirements for a written authorization to tow, and increasing civil and criminal penalties. *Signed into law. Chapter 609, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2681**                      **Pavley**                      **Abandoned vehicle fee and fix it tickets.**

This bill authorizes a county to impose a surcharge not to exceed \$2, plus an additional charge not to exceed \$4, on vehicle registrations within the county to fund the abatement of abandoned vehicles. The bill also increases from \$10 to \$20 the fine imposed with a fix-it ticket. *Vetoed.*

## **Air Quality and Fuels**

**SB 1416**                      **Battin**                      **Gasoline study.**

This bill requests the University of California to conduct a study on California Reformulated Gasoline and authorizes any gasoline approved for sale in the state by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Clean Air Act to be imported into and sold in California. This bill also authorizes the ARB to impose a \$0.06 per gallon fee on any importer or producer of non-CaRFG3 gasoline for use in the state to reduce air pollution caused by motor vehicle emissions. *Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

**SB 1505**                      **Lowenthal**    **Fuel: hydrogen alternative fuel.**  
This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations by July 1, 2008 that ensure that the production and use of hydrogen for transportation purposes contributes to the reduction of green house gas emissions, criteria air pollutants, and toxic air contaminants. *Signed into law. Chapter 877, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1511**                      **Ducheny**    **Renewable fuels: regulations.**  
This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to amend its existing regulations to provide fuel refiners and marketers with maximum flexibility to use renewable fuels, including ethanol, in varying percentages. *Held on the Assembly Floor.*

**SB 1675**                      **Kehoe**    **Vehicular air pollution: renewable diesel fuel.**  
This bill enacts the California Renewable Diesel Standards Act to require that diesel fuel sold in California contain at least two percent renewable diesel within one-year after the Air Resources Board publishes a finding that specified biodiesel blends maintain or improve air quality. Two years thereafter, diesel shall contain at least five percent renewable diesel. *Failed passage on the Assembly Floor.*

**SB 1718**                      **Perata**    **Tractor engines.**  
This bill limits the expenditure of vehicle registration surcharge funds collected within the Sacramento Air Quality Management District to the new purchase, retrofit, re-power, or add-on of equipment for previously unregulated internal combustion engines that are agricultural sources of air pollution. *Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

**SB 1839**                      **Perata**                      **Smog check: Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee.**  
This bill specifies that the Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee shall sunset on December 31, 2005. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 184**                      **Cogdill**    **Air quality: high polluter vehicles.**  
This bill requires the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to establish a vehicle replacement program through which vehicles that meet certain emissions standards may be donated to DCA to be made available for the replacement of high-polluter vehicles that individuals retire voluntarily. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1012**                      **Nation**    **Vehicular air pollution control: clean alternative fuels.**  
This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to ensure that beginning in 2020, one-half of new passenger and light-duty trucks sold in California are clean alternative vehicles. *Vetoed.*

**AB 1101**                      **Oropeza**    **Air pollution: diesel magnet sources.**  
This bill defines diesel magnet sources and establishes the requirements these facilities must meet in order to comply with the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987. *Failed Passage on the Senate Floor.*

**AB 1870**                      **Lieber**    **Smog check: motor vehicle inspection and maintenance.**  
This bill requires the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair to incorporate a visible smoke test into the vehicle inspection and maintenance program (smog check) and makes

several changes to the consumer assistance programs available to motor vehicle owners who fail a smog check inspection. *Signed into law. Chapter 761, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1901**                      **S. Horton**    **Truck retrofit revolving loan program.**

This bill establishes the Truck Retrofit Revolving Loan Program at the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to provide loans to businesses to retrofit large trucks with a SmartWay Upgrade Kit designed to improve the trucks' energy efficiency and reduce emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1997**                      **Cogdill**    **San Joaquin Valley: high polluter vehicles.**

This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to develop and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to administer a vehicle exchange program to replace high polluting vehicles with donated, smog check-compliant vehicles. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2647**                      **Oropeza**    **Vehicular air pollution: truck retrofit assistance program.**

This bill establishes the Truck Retrofit Assistance Program within the Capital Access Loan Program administered by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, requires the authority, in coordination with the California Energy Commission and the California Air Resources Board, to market the program, and encourages various entities to provide financial assistance to eligible businesses to employ technologies that reduce emissions from diesel engines. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2788**                      **Arambula**    **Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program.**

This bill revises the formula used to calculate emissions reduction credits generated by the voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement program for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District until January 1, 2012. This bill also specifies payment amounts for low-income participants who retire high polluting and gross polluting vehicles. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2791**                      **Ruskin**    **Vehicle horsepower ratings.**

This bill requires the Air Resources Board to study the costs and benefits of a Clean Vehicle Discount Program that would impose one time discounts and surcharges on the purchase of new vehicles to mitigate against vehicular greenhouse gas and smog forming emissions. *Held in the Senate Rules Committee.*

**AB 2843**                      **Saldaña**    **Air pollution.**

This bill deletes the sunset date on the statute that requires at least 50% of certain air pollution funds to be allocated to communities that are disproportionately affected by air pollution including, but not limited to, communities of minority or low-income populations. *Signed into law. Chapter 798, Statutes of 2006.*

## **Building Standards**

**SB 1**    **Murray**    **California Solar Initiative.**

This bill implements the California Solar Initiative by 1) including municipal utilities; 2) raising the net metering cap; 3) establishing a cost cap of \$3.4. billion; and 4) requiring declining subsidies. *Signed into law. Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1603**                      **Margett**                      **Building standards: conflicts and obsolete references.**

This bill requests that the California Building Standards Commission, in consultation with applicable state agencies, review the existing statutes for conflicts and obsolete references. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 389**                      **Arambula**                      **Swimming pool safety.**

This bill authorizes and encourages the Department of Health Services (DHS) to produce and place on its website a document explaining the child drowning hazards of home swimming pools and spas, safety measures, and drowning hazard prevention measures, if such a document has not been donated to DHS or if DHS has not approved a donated document. *Held in the Senate Rules Committee.*

**AB 1953**                      **Chan**                      **Lead plumbing.**

This bill reduces the limit for lead in plumbing pipes from eight percent lead for pipes or pipe fittings and four percent lead for plumbing fittings and fixtures to a weighted average of not more than 0.25 percent lead content within each component that comes into contact with the wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings and fixtures effective July 1, 2010. *Signed into law. Chapter 853, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2496**                      **Laird**                      **Water conservation: low-flush water closets.**

This bill phases in requirements that water closets and urinals have lower flush volumes, generally reducing toilets from 1.6 gallons per flush to 1.3, and urinals from 1.0 gallons per flush to 0.5 gallons per flush. The bill also establishes standards for waterless urinals. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2723**                      **Pavley**                      **Electricity: solar energy: low-income residential housing.**

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission to ensure that not less than 10% of the funds from the California Solar Initiative be used for the installation of solar energy systems on low-income residential housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 864, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2977**                      **Mullin**                      **Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2006.**

This bill requires remodeled pools and new and remodeled spas to provide at least one safety feature from a list of eligible features, adds mesh fences with self-closing, self latching gates and swimming pool alarms to the list of enumerated drowning prevention safety features, and requires remodeled pools and spas to cover drains with an anti-entrapment grate. *Signed into law. Chapter 478, Statutes of 2006.*

## **Common Interest Developments**

**SB 551**                      **Lowenthal**                      **Common Interest Development Bureau.**

This bill establishes the Common Interest Development Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs to provide education, dispute resolution, data collection, and enforcement of laws pertaining to common interest developments. *Failed passage in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.*

**SB 1560**                      **Battin**                      **Common interest developments: governance.**

This bill clarifies a number of provisions from SB 61 (Battin) [Chapter 450, Statutes of 2005] relating to elections within common interest developments. *Signed into law. Chapter 310, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 770**                      **Mullin**                      **Common interest developments: ombudsperson.**  
This bill establishes the Office of the Common Interest Development Ombudsperson as a pilot project within the Department of Consumer Affairs to provide education, informal dispute resolution, and data collection on common interest developments. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2100**                      **Laird**                      **Common interest developments: reserve funding.**  
This bill requires a homeowner association to adopt a reserve funding plan based on their reserve study and establishes new requirements for the review of contracts. *Signed into law. Chapter 188, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2851**                      **DeVore**                      **Common interest developments.**  
This bill allows a condominium plan to be amended with less than unanimous agreement of all the unit owners if each owner whose boundaries or exclusive common area are affected consents, 67% of all owners vote in favor of the plan, and the superior court approves. *Held in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

## Driver Licensing

**SB 924**                      **Speier**                      **Driving schools: Class A commercial.**  
This bill establishes minimum training requirements and advertising standards for truck driver training schools that provide instruction intended to lead to the issuance of a Class A commercial driver's license. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1160**                      **Cedillo**                      **Vehicles: driver's license.**  
This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver licenses that are in compliance with the federal Real ID Act of 2005, including the issuance of driver's licenses that permit driving but are not acceptable by federal agencies for official purposes to persons who submit an original notice of action document indicating that the person has an application for legal presence status pending with the federal Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. (See also SB 1162.) *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1162**                      **Cedillo**                      **Driver's license or identification cards.**  
This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt of federal funding to cover the full costs, to issue driver's licenses and identification cards that are in compliance with the federal Real ID Act of 2005, and establishes the conditions under which this shall be done. This bill also provides authority to conduct criminal background investigations on applicants for a driver's license or identification card who are not able to provide the required documentation confirming their identity. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1645**                      **Denham**                      **Vehicles: driver's license revocation.**  
This bill require that the driver's license of a person who drove a motor vehicle during the commission of a lewd and lascivious act on a child under 12 years of age, or who drove the vehicle to or from the location of that act, be revoked for the period of his or her probation, incarceration, and parole. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1788**                      **Cohn**                      **Driver's licenses: registered sex offenders.**  
This bill establishes more restricted driver's license requirements for registered sex offenders. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1932**                      **Benoit**    **Home study traffic violator schools.**

This bill makes numerous changes to laws governing traffic violator schools that relate to licensing requirements, methods of instruction, surety bond requirements, Department of Motor Vehicle fees, completion certificates, and the traffic court referral process. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2175**                      **Liu**    **Department of Motor Vehicles: driver education.**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to contract with a public or private entity to develop standards and curricula for driver education and training for teen drivers and recommend a method by which DMV shall assess the effectiveness of driver education and training. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2407**                      **Salinas**    **Vehicles: mature driver program.**

This bill reduces the required length of a renewal mature driver course from 400 minutes to 240 minutes and specifies that the renewal course must be taken within one year of the expiration of the completion certificate. This bill also increases the maximum allowable fee for either an initial or renewal course from \$20 to \$30. *Signed into law. Chapter 129, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2542**                      **Daucher**    **Driver assessment.**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to conduct a pilot study of a three-tier assessment system for drivers who are renewing their driver's license or who were referred to DMV for a reexamination. *Signed into law. Chapter 282, Statutes of 2006.*

## **Economic Development Areas**

**SB 686**                      **Lowenthal**    **Economic incentive areas.**

This bill makes a number of changes to the selection, management, and oversight of the Enterprise Zone Program and other geographically-targeted economic development area programs. The bill also allows backdating of re-designated enterprise zones and requires zones to update their targeted employment areas. This bill is identical to AB 1550 (Arambula). *Held on the Senate concurrence file.*

**SB 763**                      **Lowenthal**    **Economic development.**

This bill expands to the Manufacturing Enhancement Area, Targeted Tax Area and LAMBRA programs the Department of Housing and Community Development's fee authority for the purpose of off-setting the cost of administering the economic development area programs. *Signed into law. Chapter 634, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1008**                      **Ducheny**    **Economic development areas.**

This bill makes a number of changes to the tax benefits associated with enterprise zones, permits zones to seek two five-year extensions, and makes other changes to economic development area programs. *Held in the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee.*

**AB 485**                      **Arambula**    **Economic incentive areas.**

This bill makes a number of changes to the procedures for selection, administration, and oversight of geographically targeted economic development areas. See AB 1550 (Arambula). *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1550**                      **Arambula**    **Economic incentive areas.**  
This bill makes a number of changes to the selection, management, and oversight of the Enterprise Zone Program and other geographically-targeted economic development area programs. The bill also allows backdating of re-designated enterprise zones and requires zones to update their targeted employment areas. *Signed into law. Chapter 718, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2506**                      **McCarthy**    **Enterprise zones: reports to Legislature.**  
This bill makes technical changes to the law requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit a report to the Legislature every 5 years that reviews the progress and effectiveness of each enterprise zone. *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**AB 2601**                      **Arambula**    **Economic Development Areas.**  
This bill makes a number of changes to the tax benefits available in economic development areas. *Held in the Senate Rules Committee.*

## **Housing Programs and Finance**

**SB 257**                      **Chesbro**    **Special needs housing.**  
This bill allows the California Housing Financing Agency to make loans to finance special needs housing and allows the board of directors to establish salaries for specified exempt employees of the agency. *Signed into law. Chapter 748, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 521**                      **Torlakson**    **Recording fees: Contra Costa County.**  
This bill allows Contra Costa County to increase real estate document recording fees by \$1 per page to fund affordable housing development. *Failed passage on the Assembly Floor.*

**SB 710**                      **Torlakson**    **Surplus residential property.**  
This bill requires, in addition to certifying income, that buyers of state surplus residential property along the 710 freeway must also certify their assets to the selling agency. *Signed into law. Chapter 245, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1329**                      **Alquist**    **Healthy Food Retailing Initiative.**  
This bill requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, until January 1, 2010, and to the extent funds are appropriated, to establish the "Healthy Food Retailing Initiative" to provide residents of underserved communities with retail food markets that offer high quality fruit and vegetables. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1689**                      **Perata**    **Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.**  
This bill enacts the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 which authorizes the issuance of a \$2.85 billion general obligation bond for state housing programs upon approval by voters at the November 7, 2006 statewide general election ballot. This bill also, establishes the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program. *Signed into law. Chapter 27, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1479**                      **Frommer**    **Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Program.**  
This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to include specified information about the Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Program as part of its annual report to the Legislature. *Held in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 1617**                      **Liu**                                      **710 Freeway surplus residential property.**  
This bill gives new priority for the purchase of surplus residential property along the 710 Freeway corridor to long-term existing occupants, even if they do not meet income eligibility criteria in current law, and to local governments for use as affordable housing. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1784**                      **Chu**    **State claims.**  
This claims bill, among other things, appropriates \$601,000 to settle the Vega v. Mallory case relating to overcharging farm workers for rent at OMS centers. *Signed into law. Chapter 163, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1904**                      **Tran**    **Escheated funds: senior housing.**  
This bill requires that all unclaimed moneys escheated to the state from the estates of deceased persons be used to construct or rehabilitate multifamily housing for senior citizens under the Multifamily Housing Program. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2503**                      **Mullin**    **Affordable housing.**  
This bill establishes a state matching program for affordable housing by requiring any contribution by a city or county into a Housing Trust Fund to be matched by an equivalent contribution from the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund in that county. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2638**                      **Laird**    **Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program.**  
This bill allows developments funded under the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program to apply for Multifamily Housing Program funds and allows expiring low-income housing tax credit developments to apply for a new allocation of tax credits. *Signed into law. Chapter 892, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2674**                      **Villines**    **Portable emergency temporary shelters.**  
This bill states the intent of the Legislature to define and authorize the use of portable emergency temporary shelters. *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**AB 2748**                      **Jones**    **Public postsecondary education: student housing reports.**  
This bill requests that the University of California and requires the California State University to each prepare a report by March 31, 2007 containing specified data relating to various aspects of on-campus student housing. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2749**                      **Strickland**    **Home improvement loans for elderly and disabled persons.**  
This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a pilot program to provide revolving home improvement loans to qualified low and moderate income elderly and disabled persons in two counties. *Held in Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee.*

## **Landlord – Tenant**

**SB 540**                      **Kehoe**    **Tenancy: signs and flags.**  
This bill makes it illegal for rental housing owners to prohibit the reasonable display of campaign signs by tenants. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1676**                      **Ducheny**    **Condominium conversion: notice.**  
This bill increases the notice period for tenants who rent units in properties being converted to condominiums to 180-days. During this period, the bill prohibits the owners from changing the terms of the tenancy and prohibits the owners from terminating the tenancy under the usual "no cause eviction" statute. *Failed passage on the Assembly Floor.*

**SB 1834**                      **Alarcon**    **Ellis Act.**  
This bill requires senior and disabled tenants requesting a one-year stay of an Ellis Act eviction to document their age or disability and requires property owners to use a good faith standard and put in writing any denial. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1169**                      **Torrico**    **60-day notice for termination of tenancy.**  
This bill requires owners of residential property until January 1, 2010 to provide at least 60 days' notice of the intent to terminate a periodic tenancy when the tenant has resided in the dwelling for one year or more. *Signed into law. Chapter 842, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2562**                      **Saldaña**    **Condominium conversion: tenant notification.**  
This bill creates new tenant notification requirements that must be fulfilled prior to the approval of a final subdivision map for the conversion of residential rental property into condominiums. *Failed Passage on the Assembly Floor.*

## Land Use

**SB 1177**                      **Hollingsworth**    **Density bonuses.**  
This bill repeals the requirement under density bonus law that a developer show that a waiver or modification of development standards is necessary to make the housing units financially feasible. *Failed passage in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**SB 1322**                      **Cedillo**    **Housing elements: by-right emergency shelter sites.**  
This bill requires cities and counties to identify adequate sites by-right to accommodate the jurisdiction's need for homeless shelter and applies anti-NIMBY law to shelters and special needs facilities. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1432**                      **Lowenthal**    **Mello-Roos districts.**  
This bill authorizes a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District to fund programs to create incentives for or to subsidize lower income housing and makes numerous revisions and additions concerning procedures and required notices under the Mello-Roos Act. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1509**                      **Soto**    **Zoning regulations.**  
This bill requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop a model ordinance for voluntary use by cities and counties that promotes smart growth state planning priorities. *Vetoed.*

**SB 1754**                      **Lowenthal**    **Housing and infrastructure zones.**  
This bill allows for the creation of up to 100 "housing and infrastructure zones" that would divert property tax increment revenues from cities and schools for road, water, sewer, and community amenities to support new residential development, as well as housing directly. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1800**                      **Ducheny**    **Housing Opportunity Plans.**

This bill requires that cities and counties adopt a Housing Opportunity Plan (HOP) and zone adequate sites to meet each community's ten-year housing need for all income groups. The sites for very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing must meet minimum density requirements and allow housing by-right. Individual housing development projects that are consistent with a HOP are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act if an environmental impact report has been certified for the HOP and conditions have not substantially changed. In addition, projects consistent with a HOP may not be denied or reduced in the number of units except with a 4/5 vote of the city council or board of supervisors. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1802**                      **Ducheny**    **Farmworker housing.**

This bill expands the zoning protections of the Employee Housing Act to housing that consists of 36 or fewer beds in a group quarters. *Signed into law. Chapter 520, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1259**                      **Daucher**    **Housing element: self certification.**

This bill authorizes a city or county to self-certify its housing element if the city or county meets or exceeds its regional housing need allocation. *Held in the Assembly Local Government Committee.*

**AB 1387**                      **Jones**    **CEQA: residential infill projects.**

This bill authorizes, under the California Environmental Quality Act, a lead agency to approve a residential project on an urban infill site without having to mitigate or make a finding of overriding consideration for significant impacts on traffic if specified criteria are met. *Signed into law. Chapter 715, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1450**                      **Evans**    **Density bonuses.**

This bill requires that moderate-income, affordable housing units provided in conjunction with density bonus law be affordable for a minimum of 30 years. *Held in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 1665**                      **Laird**    **Water panning in flood prone areas.**

This bill, among other things, requires cities and counties to identify in the land use element areas subject to flooding. This bill also allows councils of governments to use floodrisk as a factor in allocating regional housing needs. *Held on concurrence in the Assembly Water, Parks And Wildlife Committee.*

**AB 2158**                      **Evans**    **Regional housing needs.**

This bill requires a council of governments, when establishing a methodology for the allocation of the regional housing need, to include adopted city spheres of influence and adopted policies of the relevant local agency formation commissions as factors in developing that methodology. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2184**                      **Bogh**    **Residential facilities: land use regulations.**

This bill provides that the state statute governing zoning and conditional use permits for residential care facilities for six or fewer persons shall not be construed to prohibit a local public entity from enforcing a local ordinance. *Signed into law. Chapter 746, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2286**                      **Torrico**                      **Infrastructure financing districts in housing opportunity zones.**

This bill allows a city or county to create an infrastructure financing district using tax increment financing from the legislative body and from schools to pay for infrastructure costs in infill housing

areas, if the areas allow housing by-right at appropriate densities. *This bill was amended in the Assembly Local Government Committee to address a different subject matter.*

**AB 2307**                      **Mullin**    **State mandates: housing element.**

This bill repeals the authorization for councils of government to charge fees to their member agencies to cover the costs of allocating regional housing need assessments and extends the fourth housing element revision for the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2378**                      **Evans**    **Density bonuses.**

This bill provides that a moderate-income condominium unit that qualifies a developer for a density bonus shall be subject to a resale restriction that ensures affordability for moderate-income buyers for at least 30 years or to an equity-sharing agreement. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2468**                      **Salinas**    **Housing element self certification.**

This bill establishes an alternative self-certification process for the housing elements of cities and counties if the city or county can accommodate 100% of the need for low- and very low-income housing on sites zoned to permit multifamily residential use by right. *Held on the Assembly Floor.*

**AB 2484**                      **Hancock**    **Density bonuses.**

This bill relieves local governments from the requirements of density bonus law for parcels zoned above specified densities. *Held in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 2501**                      **Lieu**    **Aircraft emissions: Santa Monica Airport.**

This bill requires the Santa Monica Airport to record the engine type and operation times of the landing and takeoff operation cycles of all aircraft operating at the airport and make these data available to the public no later than February 1, 2008. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2511**                      **Jones**    **Land use: housing.**

This bill makes a number of changes to state housing laws, including specifying legal remedies if a city or county fails to submit its annual housing element report and clarifying what types of local government actions trigger the no-net-loss zoning law. *Signed into law. Chapter 888, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2526**                      **Arambula**    **Affordable housing developments.**

This bill alters the definition of “urbanized area” for the purposes of prohibiting conditional use permits on attached housing and requires cities and counties to defer payment of development fees on affordable housing projects until occupancy. *Failed passage in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 2572**                      **Emmerson**    **Housing element: colleges.**

This bill adds the housing needs generated by the presence of a university to the list of specified factors to be included in the methodology a council of governments develops for the distribution of the regional housing need. *Signed into law. Chapter 785, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2634**                      **Lieber**                                      **Housing elements: extremely low income housing.**  
This bill requires cities and counties in their housing element to analyze the need and identify sites for extremely-low-income households and remove barriers to the development of supportive housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 288, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2763**                      **Nava**    **Farmworker housing.**  
This bill creates a new classification of migrant farmworker housing that is subject to compliance with the Employee Housing Act, but exempt from local zoning regulation. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 3042**                      **Evans**    **Transfer of regional housing needs.**  
This bill provides a procedure by which a city or county may enter into an agreement to transfer a percentage of its share of the regional housing need to another city or county. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

## **Manufactured Housing**

**SB 1231**                      **Dunn**    **Mobilehomes: park inspections.**  
This bill extends, until January 1, 2012, the sunset date on the Department of Housing and Community Development's Mobilehome Park Maintenance Inspection Program. *Signed into law. Chapter 644, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 197**                      **Umberg**    **Mobilehome parks: sales of parks.**  
This bill provides that resident organizations that have fulfilled certain requirements shall have a right of first refusal to purchase a mobilehome park if the owner decides to sell or receives an offer from a third party to buy the park. *Failed passage in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 396**                      **Lieber**    **Mobilehome parks: closure.**  
This bill requires the impact report for conversion, closure, or cessation of use of a mobilehome park to include specific information and requires the legislative body determining the amount of reasonable and appropriate compensation for displaced park residents to consider certain factors. *Failed passage in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.*

**AB 791**                      **Lieber**    **Mobilehome parks: closure.**  
This bill requires the impact report for conversion, closure, or cessation of use of a mobilehome park to include specific information and requires the legislative body determining the amount of reasonable and appropriate compensation for displaced park residents to consider certain factors. See AB 396 (Lieber). *Held in the Senate Rules Committee.*

**AB 1203**                      **Mullin**    **Manufactured housing: sales.**  
This bill establishes new requirements for the sale by a dealer of manufactured homes, multiunit manufactured homes, or used mobilehomes to be installed by the buyer on a foundation as real property. *Signed into law. Chapter 80, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1469**                      **Negrete McLeod**    **Mobilehome park managers: training.**  
This bill requires managers of mobilehome parks to complete three hours of continuing education each year. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2250**                      **Coto**    **Mobilehome Parks Act.**  
This bill extends the sunset date on the Department of Housing and Community Developments' (HCD) Mobilehome Park Maintenance Inspection Program (MPM) until January 1, 2012 and requires HCD to convene its MPM program task force every six months rather than annually. *Signed into law. Chapter 858, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2294**                      **Garcia**    **Nonprofit mobilehome parks.**  
This bill requires a nonprofit entity which owns and operates a mobilehome park to develop and make available upon request a "financial report" to the residents of the park at least once every other year. This bill was later amended in a manner identical to SB1177 (Hollingsworth). *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

## Omnibus Bills

**SB 286**                      **Lowenthal**    **Housing Omnibus bill.**  
This bill makes a number of technical, non-controversial changes to laws relating to housing. *Signed into law. Chapter 890, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1586**                      **Lowenthal**    **Transportation Omnibus bill.**  
This bill makes various technical and non-substantive changes to the Code of Civil Procedure, the Streets and Highways Code, and the Vehicle Code. *Signed into law. Chapter 311, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2520**                      **Assembly Transportation Committee**    **Omnibus bill.**  
This bill makes technical, non-substantive, and conforming changes to existing transportation laws. *Signed into law. Chapter 574, Statutes of 2006.*

## Outdoor Advertising

**AB 801**                      **Jones**    **Outdoor advertising: Sacramento County.**  
This bill exempts from the prohibition against placing advertising displays adjacent to landscaped freeways an advertising structure used to advertise development projects or business centers in the County of Sacramento, subject to several conditions. *Vetoed.*

**AB 1499**                      **Benoit**    **Outdoor advertising: City of Riverside.**  
This bill exempts from the prohibition against placing advertising displays adjacent to landscaped freeways an advertising structure used to advertise development projects or private commercial centers in the City of Riverside, subject to several conditions. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2441**                      **Klehs**    **Outdoor advertising.**  
This urgency bill creates an exemption from the law prohibiting the placement of advertising displays along landscaped highways for signs in a redevelopment area in the City of San Leandro, subject to specified conditions. *Vetoed.*

## Ports

**SB 927**                      **Lowenthal**                      **Ports: Container Fees.**

This bill imposes a fee on containers that are discharged at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles in order to fund rail system improvements, pollution mitigation measures, and port security enhancements. *Vetoed.*

**SCA 29**                      **Morrow**                      **Ports: California Port Security Enhancement Act.**

This constitutional amendment prohibits a state or local governmental entity that owns, controls, or operates a harbor or port facility within the state from authorizing or permitting, by contract or otherwise, an entity that is owned or controlled by a government of or in a foreign country to manage or operate that harbor or port. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2237**                      **Karnette**                      **Port security report.**

This bill requires the Director of Homeland Security to include, in its report submitted annually to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the budget committees of each house, an element pertaining to the protection of the state's harbor and port facilities from terrorist activity. The bill also adds the transportation committees of each house to the list of entities to which the Director is required to submit the report. *Signed into law. Chapter 503, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2274**                      **Karnette**                      **Port evacuation plans.**

This bill requires local, regional, and statewide agencies responsible for emergency preparation and response activities to work with all harbor agencies within their jurisdiction, to ensure integration of the harbor agencies' respective emergency preparation, response, and evacuation procedures with the agencies' activities. *Signed into law. Chapter 859, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2991**                      **Karnette**                      **Port infrastructure financing**

This bill authorizes a harbor agency to receive counter-terrorism or anti-terrorism funds to pay for port or harbor infrastructure. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

## Rail and Mass Transportation

**SB 1384**                      **Kuehl**                      **Los Angeles-Exposition Metro Line light rail project.**

This bill clarifies the duties of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority. *Signed into law. Chapter 808, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1493**                      **McClintock**                      **High-Speed Rail Bond.**

This bill removes the high speed rail bond from the November 2006 ballot. See also AB 713 (Torrico). *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1628**                      **Perata**                      **San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority.**

This bill provides for alternates to be appointed to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority. *Failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1726**                      **Lowenthal**    **Buses: illuminated signs.**  
This bill authorizes publicly-owned transit buses to display illuminated route signs of any color, other than red, and authorizes the illuminate signs to utilize dynamic messaging, including streaming and paging messages. *Signed into law. Chapter 881, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1749**                      **Migden**    **Transit fare evasion.**  
This bill allows for administrative enforcement of transit-related violations in the City and County of San Francisco and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. *Signed into law. Chapter 258, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 343**                      **Huff**    **Transportation: public officers.**  
This bill allows Foothill Transit to contract with designated persons to enforce fare compliance. *Signed into law. Chapter 260, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 713**                      **Torrico**    **High Speed Rail Bond.**  
This bill moves the \$9.95 billion Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act to the November 2008 ballot. *Signed into law. Chapter 44, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1699**                      **Frommer**    **Commuter and intercity passenger trains.**  
This bill requires the Department of Transportation to contract with the University of California at Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies to conduct a study on specified passenger rail operations in California. *Vetoed.*

**AB 1935**                      **Bermudez**    **Railroads: maintenance and safety.**  
This bill increases the frequency of railroad yard inspections, increases the penalties for railroad safety violations, and increases the amount that the Department of Transportation must set aside for the railroad or street railroad costs to local agencies of maintaining automatic grade-crossing protection from \$1 million to \$4 million. *Signed into law. Chapter 885, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2137**                      **Niello**    **Sacramento Regional Transit District.**  
This bill creates a weighted voting system for the Sacramento Regional Transit District based on each voting entity's financial contribution, increases the compensation of the directors from \$50 to \$100 per meeting, and makes other various changes. *Signed into law. Chapter 272, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 3023**                      **Núñez**    **Railroads: safety.**  
This bill codifies railroad operating procedures regarding safety; requires the railroads to prepare risk assessment plans of all their facilities in the state and file the plans with the Office of Emergency Services, the Director of Homeland Security, and the Public Utilities Commission; and requires preparation of railroad infrastructure protection programs to be filed with the above three entities. The bill also requires railroads to immediately notify the Office of Emergency Services of accidents, incidents, and other events, concurrent with the notification to the Federal Railroad Administration's National Response Center. *Signed into law. Chapter 867, Statutes of 2006.*

## Redevelopment and Community Development

**AB 2052**                      **Haynes**                      **California New Market Venture Capital Program.**

This bill establishes the California New Market Venture Capital Program to facilitate free market growth in low-income neighborhoods and close inter-generational wealth gaps among economically disadvantaged groups by creating jobs, growing small businesses, building affordable housing, and revitalizing low-income neighborhoods. *Held in the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee.*

**AB 2161**                      **Klehs**                      **Alameda County redevelopment: housing obligations.**

This bill allows the counting of new affordable housing units built outside an Alameda County Redevelopment Agency project area toward the county's affordable housing production requirements. *Signed into law. Chapter 563, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2682**                      **Daucher**                      **Tax increment revenues and affordable housing.**

As introduced, this bill required tax increment to be directed to a county upon deactivation of a redevelopment agency if the county has provided adequate affordable housing. *Amended in the Assembly Local Government Committee to no longer relate to housing.*

**AB 2922**                      **Jones**                      **Redevelopment: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund.**

This bill requires redevelopment agencies to record a document that specifies the date on which the affordability restrictions will expire and describes the property that is subject to the restrictions. This bill also allows interested parties, including any person or family of low or moderate income that is eligible to reside at, or is displaced or threatened with displacement from, a property subject to affordability covenants or restrictions, to sue to enforce those covenants or restrictions. *Vetoed.*

## Resolutions

**SCR 20**                      **Soto**                      **Steiner Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Pomona as the "CHP Officer Thomas J. Steiner Memorial Highway." *Res. Chapter 2, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 63**                      **Florez**                      **California school bus emissions reduction.**

This resolution encourages the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to retrofit diesel school buses and encourages unregulated public utilities to participate in the program. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SCR 68**                      **Florez**                      **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a segment of State Highway Route 119 in the County of Kern as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. *Res. Chapter 95, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 72**                      **Maldonado**  
**Vernon L. Sturgeon Memorial Highway and the Marilyn Jorgenson Reece Memorial Interchange.**

This resolution designates a segment of State Highway Route 101 in San Luis Obispo County between Spring Street in Paso Robles and Santa Barbara Road in Atascadero as the Vernon L. Sturgeon

Memorial Highway and designates the Interstate 10 and Interstate 405 interchange, also known as the San Diego-Santa Monica Freeway Interchange, in the City of Los Angeles as the Marilyn Jorgenson Reece Memorial Interchange. *Res. Chapter 96, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 91**                      **Lowenthal**                      **Watts Towers of Simon Rodia in the City of Los Angeles.**

This resolution requests the Department of Transportation to erect State Historical Landmark signs at the Century Boulevard exit on SR 110 and follow-up directional signs from the exit to the Watts Towers. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SCR 93**                      **Runner**  
**California Highway Patrol Officers James E. Pence, Jr., Roger D. Gore, Walter C. Frago, and George M. Alleyn Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates, as the "California Highway Patrol Officers James E. Pence, Jr., Roger D. Gore, Walter C. Frago, and George M. Alleyn Memorial Highway," a one-mile segment of Interstate 5 in the City of Newhall. *Res. Chapter 92, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 95**                      **Soto**    **Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway.**

This resolution designates a portion of I-10 in the City of Ontario as the "Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway." *Res. Chapter 93, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 96**                      **Ortiz**    **Deputy Sheriff Sandra Powell-Larson Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a segment of Interstate 5 in the City of Sacramento as the Deputy Sheriff Sandra Powell-Larson Memorial Highway. *Res. Chapter 113, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 98**                      **Florez**    **Curt Carter Sr. Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 58 in the City of Bakersfield as the Curt Carter Sr. Memorial Highway. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SCR 112**                      **Cedillo**    **The Wall Las Memorias Project AIDS monument.**

This resolution requests that the Department of Transportation erect informational signs on State Highway Route 5 to direct motorists to the Wall Las Memorias Project AIDS monument in Los Angeles. *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**SCR 114**                      **Chesbro**    **Mignon "Minnie" Stoddard Lilley Memorial Bridge.**

This resolution designates the new South Fork Eel River Bridge located on State Highway Route 101 in the County of Mendocino as the Mignon "Minnie" Stoddard Lilley Memorial Bridge. *Res. Chapter 140, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 120**                      **Denham**  
**Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael (Flea) Feliciano Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 101 north of Chualar in Monterey County as the "Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael 'Flea' Feliciano Memorial Highway." *Res. Chapter 141, Statutes of 2006.*

**SCR 128**                      **Cedillo**    **Bill Keene Memorial Interchange.**

This resolution redesignates the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles from the "Bill Keene Interchange" to the "Bill Keene Memorial Interchange." *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SCR 129                      Cedillo                      Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a specified segment of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Los Angeles as the "Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway." *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**SCR 130                      Florez    Officer John Palacios Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 269 in Fresno County as the Officer John Palacios Memorial Highway. *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**SCR 132                      Lowenthal    Hybrid Vehicle Awareness Month.**

This resolution declares November of 2006 as "Hybrid Vehicle Awareness Month." *Chapter 126, Statutes of 2006.*

**SJR 26                      Morrow    Port security.**

This resolution memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to exercise the utmost scrutiny and judgment in any decision affecting the port and maritime security of the United States and her citizens, specifically with regard to the potential Dubai Port World contract, and to ensure that any terminal operation contracts abide by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SJR 31                      Lowenthal    Clean ports.**

This joint resolution urges the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to adopt federal regulations that limit emissions from marine vessels and locomotives in such a manner as to support air quality attainment plans, mandate the use and improvement of state-of-the-art emission control technologies at the earliest feasible date, and allow state and local air quality authorities to regulate emissions from locomotives after they are placed in use. *Res. Chapter 99, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 47                      La Suer    Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 78 near Ramona as the "Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway." *Res. Chapter 100, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 65                      Cogdill    Kristopher's Crossing.**

This resolution designates the Department of Transportation Bridge 4122 over the Fresno River on State Route 41 in Madera County as the Kristopher's Crossing. *Res. Chapter 82, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 97                      Blakeslee    Alex Madonna Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates the portion of State Highway Route 101 in San Luis Obispo County as the Alex Madonna Memorial Highway. *Res. Chapter 83, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 104                      Chavez                      West Covina Police Officer Kenneth Wrede Memorial Highway.**

This resolution designates a portion of Interstate 10 in the City of West Covina as the West Covina Police Officer Wrede Memorial Highway. *Res. Chapter 102, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 108                      La Malfa    Crynthia and Erling Hjertager Memorial Highway and the Erling Hjertager Memorial Bridge.**

This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 3 in Siskiyou County as the "Crynthia and Erling Hjertager Memorial Highway" and designates the Wildcat Creek Bridge, also in Siskiyou County, as the "Erling Hjertager Memorial Bridge. *Res. Chapter 84, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 123**                      **La Suer**    **Historic U.S. Highway Route 80.**  
This resolution recognizes the remaining sections of the original U.S. Highway Route 80 in San Diego and Imperial Counties for their historical significance. *Res. Chapter 104, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 124**                      **Leslie**    **Harry Crabb Tunnel.**  
This resolution designates the dedicated access-way entering eastbound Interstate 80 from Sunrise Boulevard in Placer County as the "Harry Crabb Tunnel." *Res. Chapter 87, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 132**                      **Cogdill**    **Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway.**  
This resolution designates a portion of State Highway 49 in Tuolumne County as the Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway. *Res. Chapter 105, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 142**                      **Oropeza**    **The Marco Antonio Firebaugh Interchange.**  
This resolution designates the Interstate 5 and Interstate 710 interchange in Los Angeles County as the Marco Antonio Firebaugh Interchange. *Res. Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 149**                      **Houston**    **The Isleton Bridge.**  
This resolution requests that the California Department of Transportation grant, without charge, an encroachment permit, so that E Clampus Vitus can place a plaque adjacent to the historic Isleton Bridge on State Highway Route 160 near the City of Isleton in Sacramento County. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**ACR 151**                      **Matthews**    **Grade separation projects.**  
This resolution requests the Public Utilities Commission, when revising the formula used to prioritize grade separation projects, to add a factor for delays that disproportionately affect emergency vehicles, especially in rural areas. *Res. Chapter 133, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 156**                      **Emmerson**    **Martin A. Matich Highway.**  
This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 210 in San Bernardino County as the "Martin A. Matich Highway." *Res. Chapter 144, Statutes of 2006.*

**ACR 157**                      **Vargas**    **Filipino-American Highway.**  
This resolution dedicates a portion of State Highway Route 54 in San Diego County as the Filipino-American Highway. *Res. Chapter 145, Statutes of 2006.*

**AJR 47**                      **Ridley- Thomas**    **California housing affordability.**  
This resolution memorializes the United States President and Congress to recognize the high cost of purchasing a home in California and to raise the Federal Housing Administration conforming loan limits. *Res. Chapter 117, Statutes of 2006.*

## **Rules of the Road**

**SB 969**                      **Ducheny**    **Motorcycles: helmets.**  
This bill makes compliance with the mandatory motorcycle helmet law voluntary for a motorcycle operator who meets certain age and licensing requirements and who carries proof of medical insurance. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1224**                      **Chesbro**    **Vehicles: limitations of access.**  
This bill extends a provision of law that exempts specified livestock carriers on portions of Highway 101 from vehicle length limitations until January 1, 2012. This bill also extends the requirement that the California Highway Patrol study the effect of this law on public safety until January 1, 2011.  
*Signed into law. Chapter 449, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1227**                      **Denham**    **Prima facie speed limits: school zones.**  
This bill lowers the prima facie speed limit in school zones in Merced and Monterey Counties from 25 miles per hour to 15 MPH until January 1, 2010, and requires the California Highway Patrol to recommend whether to continue, expand, or eliminate the 15 MPH school zone speed limit. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1237**                      **Maldonado**    **Vehicles: combination length.**  
This bill extends until January 1, 2009 the sunset date on an exemption to the current vehicle length restrictions for motor truck-trailer combinations used for agricultural products but limits the exemption to the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties and adds additional safety measures under which the exemption is authorized. *Signed into law. Chapter 450, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1300**                      **Kuehl**    **Mobile photo radar speed enforcement.**  
This bill authorizes the City of Beverly Hills to use a mobile photo radar enforcement system for local speed enforcement under specified conditions until January 1, 2011. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1610**                      **Simitian**    **Vehicles: emergency vehicles.**  
This bill prescribes actions drivers must take on a highway when passing a stopped emergency vehicle or tow truck with its warning lights flashing, and makes a violation of this prescription punishable by a fine. *Signed into law. Chapter 375, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1613**                      **Simitian**    **Vehicles: wireless telephones.**  
Unless specifically exempted, this bill prohibits, beginning July 1, 2008, a driver from using a wireless phone while operating a vehicle, unless the phone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free operation and is used in that manner. *Signed into law. Chapter 290, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1850**                      **Mountjoy**    **Vehicles: trunk.**  
This bill makes it a misdemeanor for a person to knowingly drive a motor vehicle while a person is riding in the trunk of that vehicle and an infraction for a person to ride in the trunk of a motor vehicle. *Signed into law. Chapter 900, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1856**                      **Walters**    **Speeding.**  
This bill increases the penalty for driving in excess of 100 miles per hour and requires the court to suspend a person's driving privilege upon a first conviction. *Held in the Assembly Transportation Committee.*

**AB 1941**                      **Nava**    **California Traffic Safety Program.**  
This bill specifies a minimum distance that a vehicle must maintain between itself and a bicycle upon a highway. *Failed passage in the Assembly Transportation Committee.*

**AB 2108**                      **Evans**    **Car seats.**  
This bill requires children up to eight years of age to ride in a child safety seat. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2427**                      **Canciamilla**    **Helmet law exemptions.**  
This bill exempts from the mandatory motorcycle helmet law any rider or driver who is 18 years of age or older and has either completed a motorcycle rider training program that meets the standards of the California Highway Patrol or has been issued a class M1 license or endorsement, or a comparable license or endorsement from another jurisdiction, for two years or more. *Failed passage in the Assembly Transportation Committee.*

**AB 2571**                      **Levine**    **Traffic cases: law enforcement.**  
This bill requires the Judicial Council, in consultation with the California Highway Patrol and local law enforcement agencies, to study methods and draft proposals to improve the procedures for handling traffic cases to reduce the amount of time law enforcement officers spend in court. This bill further requires that the findings from the study be reported to the Legislature by January 1, 2008. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2755**                      **Blakeslee**    **All-terrain vehicles: operating violations.**  
This bill makes parents responsible for illegal operation of all-terrain vehicles by children under 14. *Signed into law. Chapter 195, Statutes of 2006.*

## **Streets and Highways**

**SB 681**                      **Simitian**    **Pedestrian and bicycle access to expressways.**  
This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation or local governments from barring pedestrian and bicycle access to expressways. *Held on the Senate Floor.*

**SB 988**                      **Migden**    **Safety Awareness Zones: Golden Gate Bridge.**  
This bill establishes general standards for designating a highway segment a "Safety Awareness Zone," and authorizes a Safety Awareness Zone on the Golden Gate Bridge. *Signed into law. Chapter 593, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1608**                      **Simitian**    **Transportation: landscaping projects.**  
This bill requires the Department of Transportation and local entities that receive state funds for transportation capital projects that include a landscaping element to use regionally appropriate indigenous plants. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1791**                      **Margett**    **Highways: exclusive-use or preferential-use lanes.**  
This bill requests the University of California, on or before January 1, 2008, to conduct a study, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, to evaluate the effectiveness of use of different types of highway lanes. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1841**                      **Migden**    **Yerba Buena Island ramp connections.**  
This bill requires ownership of the Bay Bridge ramps connecting the current eastern span to Yerba Buena Island to be conditionally transferred to Caltrans, requires these ramps to become part of the state highway system, and specifies Caltrans responsibilities regarding reconstruction of the ramps as part of the new eastern span. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 804**                      **La Suer**                      **California Highway Patrol: freeway signs.**

This bill permits the Commission of the California Highway Patrol to request that the Legislature adopt a concurrent resolution directing Caltrans to install signs memorializing CHP officers killed in the line of duty. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1324**                      **Vargas**                      **Vehicles: school pedestrian-bicyclist safety program.**

This bill adds the counties of Los Angeles and San Diego and the cities therein to the list of jurisdictions authorized to establish a school pedestrian-bicyclist safety program. This bill extends the sunset date of the program by three years to January 1, 2010. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1407**                      **Lieber**                      **State-owned Bay Area toll bridges: HOV lanes.**

This bill provides for construction cost savings from certain toll bridge projects to be reprogrammed for other projects in the same corridor; requires Bay Area hybrid vehicle owners with Clean Air stickers to meet high occupancy vehicle lane occupancy requirements in order to utilize toll-free or reduced-toll lanes on Bay Area toll bridges; and allows Clean Air vehicles to utilize HOV lanes on county expressways. *Signed into law. Chapter 606, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1679**                      **Mullin**                      **Property transfer.**

This bill declares as surplus unused right-of-way acquired by the Department of Transportation for the realignment for State Route 1 at Devil's Slide in San Mateo County and provides for a process to allow the Montara Water and Sanitary District to lease the property for the purpose of drilling water wells. *Held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

**AB 1781**                      **Mountjoy**                      **Highways: DUI victim signs.**

This bill deletes the January 1, 2007, sunset date on the "Please Don't Drink and Drive" Victims Memorial Sign Program under which the Department of Transportation places memorial signs at the request of family members for victims of accidents caused by individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs. *Signed into law. Chapter 81, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1858**                      **McCarthy**                      **State Highway Routes 58, 178, and 204: relinquishment.**

This bill authorizes the relinquishment of portions of State Routes 58, 178, and 204 to the City of Bakersfield and Kern County. *Signed into law. Chapter 315, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1879**                      **Lieber**                      **High occupancy vehicle lanes.**

This bill allows local agencies to authorize the use of high- occupancy vehicle lanes on highways under their jurisdiction by clean air vehicles. *The bill was amended in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee to relate to a different subject matter.*

**AB 1938**                      **Bogh**                      **State highways: relinquishment.**

This bill authorizes the relinquishment of portions of State Highway Route 79 in the City of San Jacinto. *Signed into law. Chapter 318, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1976**                      **Nava**                      **Vehicles: school zone fines.**

This bill extends the sunset date of the school pedestrian-bicyclist safety pilot program by one year to January 1, 2008. *Held in the Senate Public Safety Committee.*

**AB 2002**                      **La Malfa**    **Highway signs: veterans.**

This bill allows county boards of supervisors to place a “Where We Honor Veterans” sign at or near the county line on any state highway with the permission of the California Department of Transportation, or on any county highway under the county's jurisdiction. *Signed into law. Chapter 204, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2143**                      **Parra**    **Transportation: interregional road system.**

This bill adds State Highway Route 43 to the list of eligible interregional and intercounty highway routes. *Failed Passage on the Senate floor.*

**AB 2234**                      **Strickland**    **Highway signs: World War II Aviation Museum.**

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to authorize the placement of directional signs for a World War II Aviation Museum in Camarillo. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2465**                      **De La Torre**    **Pedestrian-bicyclist safety school zone fines.**

This bill adds the County of Los Angeles and the cities therein to the list of jurisdictions authorized to establish a school pedestrian-bicyclist safety program and extends the sunset date of the program by one year to January 1, 2008. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2600**                      **Lieu**    **Clean air vehicles: HOV lanes.**

This bill allows an additional 10,000 high-mileage hybrid vehicles to obtain stickers allowing them to drive in high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants and extends the sunset date on the authorization for these and other "Clean Air" vehicles to operate in HOV lanes by three years. *Signed into law. Chapter 614, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2625**                      **Pavley**    **California Heritage Corridor Act.**

This bill creates the California Heritage Corridor Program to designate routes of cultural or historic significance that link sites of interest in a thematic way. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2733**                      **Leslie**    **State Highway Route 193.**

This bill authorizes the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a specified portion of State Highway Route 193 to the City of Lincoln. *Signed into law. Chapter 362, Statutes of 2006*

**AB 3030**                      **Emmerson**    **State Highway Routes 66 and 83.**

This bill relinquishes portions of State Highway Route 66 and SR 83 to the city of Upland. *Signed into law. Chapter 507, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 3031**                      **Houston**    **State highways: seismic retrofit and replacement projects.**

This bill exempts from CEQA the Fifth Avenue Overhead and High Street Overhead seismic retrofit or replacement projects, located on Interstate 880 in Oakland. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 3047**                      **Canciamilla**    **HOV lanes: toll facilities.**

This bill allows regional transportation agencies to construct and operate high occupancy vehicle lanes as toll facilities. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

## **Transportation Finance and Development**

**SB 463**                      **Ducheny**                      **Toll roads: State Highway Route 125.**

This bill provides a 10-year extension (45 years total) to the franchise agreement between the state and the private entity constructing and operating the State Route 125 toll road in San Diego and allows the San Diego Association of Governments to charge tolls on SR 125 following the expiration of the franchise agreement, if specified conditions are met. *Signed into law. Chapter 446, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1024**                      **Perata**                      **Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility & Clean Air Bond Act of 2006.**

This bill authorizes the sale of \$10.275 billion in general obligation bonds for transportation facilities, clean air, high speed rail, urban infill development, environmental enhancement, goods movement and port security, affordable housing incentives, levee protection, flood protection, grade separation projects, local bridge seismic upgrade projects, state-local partnership transportation projects, transit-oriented development, and the repayment of Proposition 42 loans, upon voter approval at the June 6, 2006 statewide general election. *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**SB 1026**                      **Kuehl**                      **Highway construction contracts: 405 design-build.**

This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2010, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to enter into a design-build contract for the construction of a northbound high-occupancy vehicle lane on the Interstate 405 freeway. *Signed into law. Chapter 1, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1161**                      **Alarcon**                      **State highways: design-sequencing contracts.**

This bill extends the sunset date for the Department of Transportation's design-sequencing program for two years to December 31, 2011. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1165**                      **Dutton**                      **Transportation Bond Acts of 2006, 2008, and 2012.**

This bill places before voters the Congestion Reduction, Clean Air, and Trade Corridor Bond Act of 2006, the Congestion Reduction, Clean Air, and Trade Corridor Bond Act of 2008, and the Transportation Revenue Bond Act of 2012. The bill also establishes a demonstration program for the use of the design-build method of construction procurement for an unlimited number of transportation projects, extends by two years the sunset date for the authority to use the design-sequencing method of procurement, and authorizes state and local transportation agencies to enter into lease agreements with private entities for the construction and operation of transportation facilities. (See also AB 1838.) *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1266**                      **Perata**                      **Transportation Bond Act of 2006.**

This bill authorizes the sale of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for a spectrum of transportation related improvements, upon voter approval at the November 7, 2006 statewide general election. *Signed into law. Chapter 25, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1282**                      **Ducheny**                      **Border infrastructure program.**

This bill exempts federal funds for the coordinated border infrastructure program from the State Transportation Improvement Program's distribution formulas. *Signed into law. Chapter 451, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1296**                      **Kehoe**                      **San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency.**

This bill revises the composition of the San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency's governing board. *Signed into law. Chapter 142, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1494**                      **McClintock**                      **Top priority transportation projects.**

This bill authorizes the California Transportation Commission to designate transportation projects of statewide significance as top priority projects. The bill exempts these projects from the California Environmental Quality Act and authorizes the Department of Transportation or other implementing agency to use design-build and design-sequencing procedures for the projects, notwithstanding any other provision of law. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1507**                      **Margett**                      **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.**

This bill increases by one the number of representatives from cities on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and reduces by one the number of public members appointed by the mayor of the City of Los Angeles on MTA. In addition, this bill deletes a provision of existing law that reduces by one the number of public members appointed by the Mayor, should the population of the city of Los Angeles become less than 35 percent of the combined population of the cities in Los Angeles County. *Held in the Senate Rules Committee.*

**SB 1522**                      **Aanestad**                      **Diesel Fuel Tax Law: emergency services providers.**

This bill exempts local emergency services providers from payment of diesel fuel excise taxes. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1587**                      **Lowenthal**                      **Transportation.**

This bill increases the number of years in the planning cycle governing when regional transportation planning agencies are required to update and approve regional transportation plans in conformity with the federal transportation act. The bill also allows for a two-year phase out of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds for the Monterey Bay and Santa Barbara regions. *Signed into law. Chapter 673, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1611**                      **Simitian**                      **Congestion management fees.**

This bill allows county transportation congestion management agencies or boards of supervisors to impose, subject to majority vote approval of county voters, a maximum \$25 surcharge on the annual renewal of vehicles registered in their respective jurisdictions to fund transportation-related projects and programs, including pollution prevention programs carried out by a congestion management agency, a regional water quality control board, or a local air district. *Failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1671**                      **Ashburn**                      **Spaceports: Mojave Spaceport.**

This bill appropriates \$11 million from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation for the provision of a 30-year loan to the East Kern Airport District to construct the Mojave Spaceport Terminal. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1687**                      **Murray**                      **Transportation Agencies: Procurement.**

This bill revises the procurement process for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District. *Signed into law. Chapter 814, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1694**                      **Aanestad**                      **Federal transportation funds: allocation to counties.**

This bill, until October 1, 2009, dedicates 15% of the state's discretionary portion of federal Equity Bonus transportation funds for use by counties for transportation projects. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1703**                      **Lowenthal**                      **California Transportation Commission.**

This bill grants one California Transportation Commission appointment each to the Senate Rules Committee and to the Speaker of the Assembly. *Vetoed*

**SB 1812**                      **Runner**                      **Surface transportation project delivery pilot program.**

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to consent to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts with regard to the assumption of certain federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and waives the state's Eleventh Amendment protection against lawsuits brought in federal court for as long as the state participates in the federal surface transportation project delivery pilot program. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SCA 7**                      **Torlakson**                      **Transportation Investment Fund.**

This proposed amendment to the California Constitution authorizes a suspension, in whole or in part, of the transfer of revenues from the sales tax on gasoline to the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) for a fiscal year if (1) the Governor issues a proclamation that the suspension is necessary due to a severe state fiscal hardship, (2) a statute containing no other unrelated provision is enacted by a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature suspending the transfer, and (3) a statute is enacted to repay, with interest, the TIF within 3 years for the amount of any revenues that were not transferred as a result of the suspension. This bill also prohibits a suspension of transfer of these revenues from occurring more than twice during any period of 10 consecutive fiscal years and prohibits a suspension in any fiscal year in which a required repayment from a prior suspension has not been fully completed. This bill also requires payments to be made from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund relative to a portion of the revenues that were not transferred due to a suspension of transfer occurring on or before July 1, 2007, with payments made pursuant to a specified schedule. *Res. Chapter 49, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 143**                      **Núñez**                      **Highway construction contracts: design-build.**

This bill authorizes a demonstration project for the design-build procurement method. *Failed passage on the Assembly Floor.*

**AB 372**                      **Nation**                      **Public contracts: transit design-build contracts.**

This bill extends the sunset date by two years, until January 1, 2009, for transit districts to enter into design-build contracts. This bill requires the establishment of a labor compliance program for design-build contracts and reduces the threshold project cost level of projects able to use the authority. *Signed into law. Chapter 262, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 799**                      **Leno**                      **Local vehicle license fee: San Francisco.**

This bill authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to place a measure on the ballot to impose a vehicle license fee on vehicles registered in San Francisco. *Vetoed.*

**AB 1020**                      **Hancock**                      **Transportation planning: improved travel models.**

This bill requires the California Transportation Commission to develop guidelines for the use of travel demand models for the preparation of regional transportation plans. This bill establishes a review process involving the Department of Transportation and specified regional transportation planning agencies for evaluating transportation planning computer models and requiring selected transportation planning agencies to incorporate measures pertaining to land use transit service levels into these models. *Vetoed.*

**AB 1039**                      **Núñez**                      **Transportation projects: environmental streamlining.**

This bill provides streamlining of environmental laws including transportation project and levee repair project exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act as well as allowing a master environmental impact report to be prepared for Highway 99 projects and authorizing the Department of Transportation to participate in a self-certification process transportation projects. *Signed into law. Chapter 31, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1467**                      **Núñez**                      **Transportation projects: public-private partnerships.**

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation and local transportation agencies to enter into lease agreements with private entities for the construction and operation of up to four transportation projects, subject to specified conditions. The bill also authorizes the development of up to four high-occupancy toll lanes, which may include the variable pricing of tolls and dedicated transit facilities. *Signed into law. Chapter 32, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1540**                      **Núñez**                      **Elections: ballot label and title: SCA 7.**

This bill provides the ballot title and summary for the November 7, 2006 ballot for Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 7. *Signed into law. Chapter 30, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1550**                      **Arambula**                      **California Transportation Commission Membership.**

This bill adds coastal and inland areas as areas to be considered for geographical balance for California Transportation Commission appointees. *Amended on the Senate floor to relate to a different subject matter.*

**AB 1785**                      **Bermudez**                      **Grade separation projects.**

This bill increases the budgeted allocation for grade separation projects from \$15 million to \$70 million annually. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1838**                      **Oropeza**                      **Transportation bonds.**

This bill places before voters the Congestion Reduction, Clean Air, and Trade Corridor Bond Act of 2006, the Congestion Reduction, Clean Air, and Trade Corridor Bond Act of 2008, and the Transportation Revenue Bond Act of 2012. The bill also establishes a demonstration program for the use of the design-build method of construction procurement for an unlimited number of transportation projects, extends by two years the sunset date for the authority to use the design-sequencing method of procurement, and authorizes state and local transportation agencies to enter into lease agreements with private entities for the construction and operation of transportation facilities. (See also SB 1165.) *Held at the Assembly Desk.*

**AB 2295**                      **Arambula**                      **Transportation capital improvement projects.**

This bill clarifies the eligibility of local road rehabilitation projects for regional improvement program funding through the State Transportation Improvement Program process managed by regional transportation planning agencies. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2361**                      **Huff**                                      **Border transportation infrastructure.**  
This bill exempts federal funding for border infrastructure projects from the State Transportation Improvement Program formula. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2444**                      **Klehs**                                      **Congestion management and environmental mitigation fees.**  
This bill allows Bay Area county congestion management agencies and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District each to impose annual vehicle registration fee surcharges of up to \$5 to fund congestion management and environmental mitigation activities. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2483**                      **Baca**                                      **State highways: sale of excess property.**  
This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to make available its excess property to cities, counties, or redevelopment agencies for redevelopment purposes. *Failed passage in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2538**                      **Wolk**                                      **Transportation funds: regional agencies.**  
This bill increases the maximum amount of funds that local transportation agencies may spend on project planning, programming, and monitoring from 1% to 5% of regional transportation improvement program funds. *Signed into law. Chapter 821, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2630**                      **Benoit**                                      **Grade separation project funding.**  
This bill removes the ten year waiting period before additional funds can be allocated from the Grade Separation Fund to local agencies that received between \$5 and \$20 for a grade separation over a five year period. The California Transportation Commission must determine that sufficient funds are available. *Signed into law. Chapter 420, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2838**                      **Pavley**                                      **Coastal Environment Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program.**  
This bill authorizes a fee of up to \$6, in coastal and Bay Area counties, to be paid with vehicle registrations and renewals in order to fund specified environmental mitigation projects. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2896**                      **Karnette**                                      **Commercial Transportation Development Council**  
This bill would create a 9-member Commercial Transportation Development Council to advise on the needs of commercial transportation in California. *Held in the Senate Governmental Organization*

## **Vehicle Registration and Vehicles**

**SB 44**                                      **Torlakson**                                      **Vehicle dealer document preparation charges.**  
This bill increases from \$45 to \$55 the maximum fee that a vehicle dealer may charge a purchaser for document preparation. *Signed into law. Chapter 623, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1246**                                      **Cox**    **Authorized emergency vehicles.**  
This bill allows the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to issue an emergency vehicle permit for a vehicle operated by specified county emergency medical services personnel of a county with a population of 15,000 or fewer. *Failed passage in the Senate the Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**SB 1498**                      **Dutton**                                      **Vehicles: fee and tax exemption: military.**  
This bill exempts from vehicle license fee and vehicle registration fees a vehicle owned by a member of the California National Guard or a member of the U. S. Armed Forces under specified circumstances. *Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1542**                      **Migden**    **Vehicles: key information access.**  
This bill establishes a statutory scheme whereby a motor vehicle owner or family member could, through the use of a registered locksmith, access the needed information from the motor vehicle manufacturer to enable the locksmith to reproduce a replacement key that would enable the vehicle owner to enter, start, and operate the motor vehicle. *Signed into law. Chapter 433, Statutes of 2006.*

**SB 1553**                      **Murray**    **Vehicle registration fee.**  
This bill replaces, starting January 1, 2008, the \$31 annual vehicle registration fee with a schedule of annual registration fees based on vehicle weight, ranging from \$31 to \$191 and earmarks the increased annual revenue to highway repair under the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**SB 1559**                      **Lowenthal**    **Vehicles: low-speed vehicles.**  
This bill changes the definition of a low-speed vehicle to conform to federal law. *Signed into law. Chapter 66, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 261**                      **Koretz**    **Vehicles: emergency vehicle permits.**  
This bill allows for the issuance of an authorized emergency vehicle permit to nonprofit medical rescue organizations. *Failed passage in the Assembly Transportation Committee.*

**AB 406**                      **Haynes**    **Distinctive DUI license plates.**  
This bill allows a court to order a person convicted of a second or subsequent DUI and having a blood alcohol level of 0.16% in one of those convictions to have distinctive DUI license plates that are red in color. See AB 2099 (Haynes). *Held in the Senate Public Safety Committee.*

**AB 714**                      **Ridley-Thomas**    **Motor vehicles: key information access.**  
This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2007, every motor vehicle manufacturer to provide the registered owner of a vehicle with a means to access information necessary to permit the reproduction of a key or other functionally similar device that will allow the vehicle owner to enter, start, and operate his or her vehicle. *Held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.*

**AB 1122**                      **Wyland**    **Auto insurance: total loss.**  
This bill authorizes an insurance company to request the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a salvage certificate for a vehicle when the insurance company is unable to obtain an evidence of ownership certificate within 30 days following a total loss on a vehicle. *Signed into law. Chapter 412, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1854**                      **Oropeza**    **Total loss salvage vehicles.**  
This bill expands the definition of "nonrepairable vehicle" to include vehicles that have had their passenger compartment immersed in saltwater to the extent that specified parts have been compromised and makes it a misdemeanor to title, register, sell, or transfer these vehicles. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1910**                      **Aghazarian**                      **Disabled person and disabled veteran license plates.**

This bill allows disabled person license plates to be issued to agencies that transport disabled persons or disabled veterans for vehicles that are used solely for the purpose of transporting those persons. *Signed into law. Chapter 203, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 1915**                      **Villines**                      **Antique license plates.**

This bill expands eligibility for using Year of Manufacture plates to 1969 or older model year vehicles and to 1972 or older model year commercial vehicles and pickup trucks. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 1936**                      **DeVore**                      **Vehicles: special license plates.**

This bill creates a California National Guard special license plate. *Held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 1991**                      **Saldaña**                      **Environmental license plates: disabled persons.**

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a disabled person license plate as a personalized environmental license plate. *Vetoed.*

**AB 2099**                      **Haynes**                      **DUI plates.**

This bill requires the court to order a person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of driving under the influence to obtain distinctive vehicle license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles See AB 406 (Haynes). *Failed passage in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.*

**AB 2120**                      **Liu**                      **Disabled parking placards.**

This bill allows nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants to certify disabilities for the purpose of obtaining disabled license plates or placards or temporary disabled placards. *Signed into Law. Chapter 116, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2239**                      **Emmerson**                      **Vehicles: sales and use taxes.**

This bill allows an owner to present evidence to rebut the presumption that a vehicle purchased out of California but brought into this state within 12 months of its purchase is subject to California use tax. *Signed into law. Chapter 352, Statutes of 2006.*

**AB 2322**                      **Parra**                      **Department of Motor Vehicles: vehicles: registration.**

This bill requires that manufacturers, distributors, and dealers of motorized bicycles, mopeds, motorized scooters, motor-driven cycles, motorized quadricycles, and motorized tricycles must register with the Department of Motor Vehicles. *Held in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

**AB 2350**                      **Maze**                      **Character education specialized license plate.**

This bill authorizes the issuance of a new "Character Education" special license plate to generate revenue to support school district character education programs. *Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**AB 2401**                      **Karnette**                      **Vehicles: autoettes.**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to register "autoettes" as identified by the City of Avalon. *Signed into law. Chapter 322, Statutes of 2006.*

